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Pol/Econ Officer met with MFA East Asian Officer Ana Cordeiro to underscore U.S. concerns regarding the recent increase in violence and tensions in Sri Lanka on August 7. Portugal shares the U.S. concerns, according to Cordeiro, and plans to continue to support the EU's efforts there. She noted that although Portugal does not have a significant bilateral relationship directly with Sri Lanka, it closely follows Norway, Denmark, and Finland's reports on the situation. O'Neal